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At a First Aid Examination held recently the following were successful in obtaining First Year Certificates—Li Shing-hong, Pun Tso-pui, Pun Yam-tung, Wong Ching-hing and Wong Ping-fan. There was one failure.  
The Hon. Lecturer to the Class was Dr. G. H. Thomas, M.B., B.S. (Hongkong), and the Hon. Examiner was Dr. S. F. Lee, M.B., B.Ch. (Edinburgh).

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Sinking Fund Account 122,230  
£23,970,367

Revenue Fire Branch £2,321,456  
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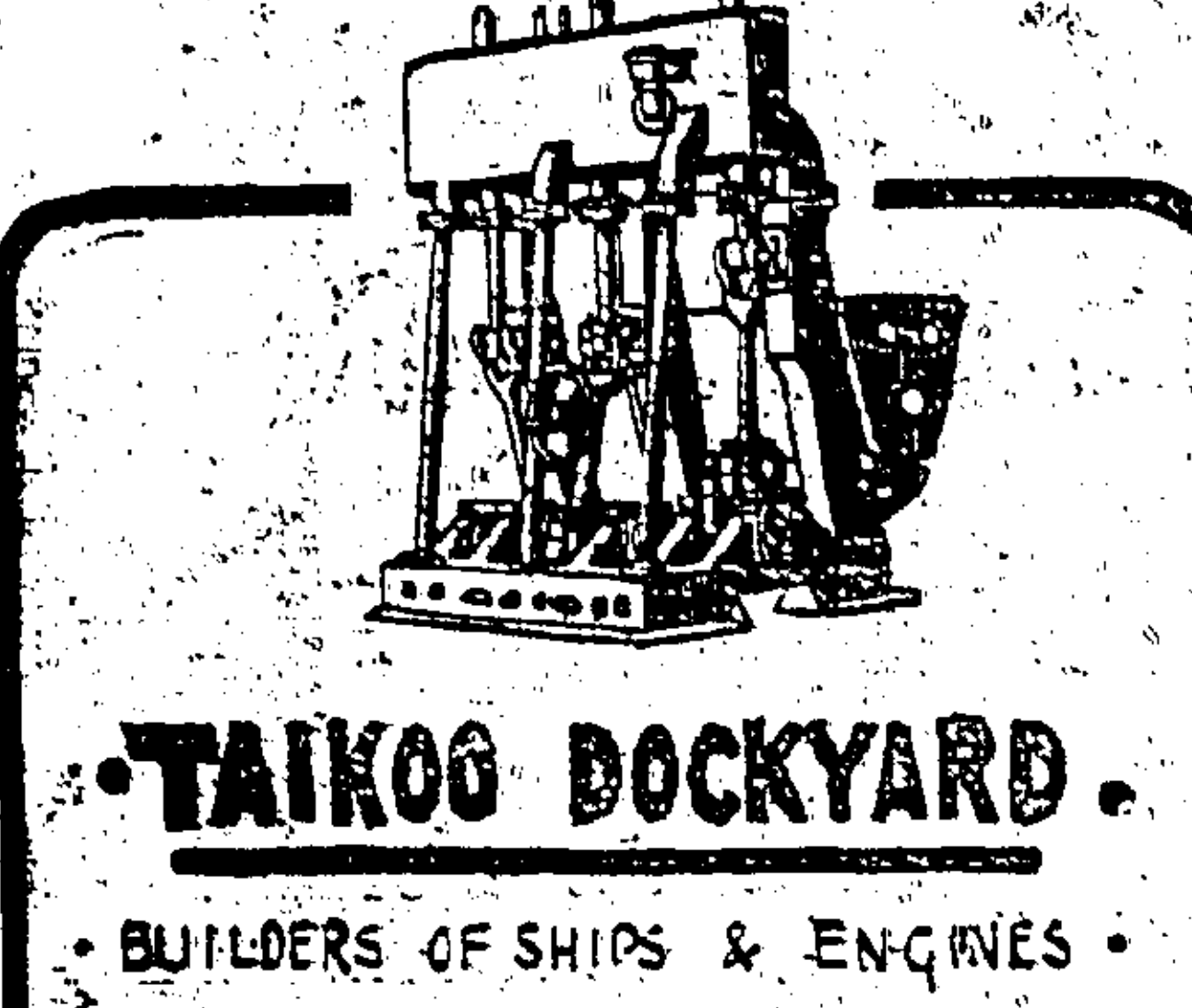
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Hongkong, Dec. 5, 1916.

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THE  
NATIONAL MISSION.

## TO-DAY.

8.00 p.m. Men Only, City Hall.  
Subject: "Is Christianity Played Out?"

## TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY.

10.15 a.m. Service in the Cathedral.  
8.00 p.m. Meeting for Women,  
Helena May Institute.  
9.00 p.m. United Meeting in the  
Theatre.

Speaker, Rt. Rev. F. L. NORRIS B.D.  
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## THE DIARY.

## General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, Dec. 8.—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at Messrs. Hughes and Houghts.

SATURDAY, Dec. 9.—  
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Gramophone Records at Messrs. Hughes and Houghts.

10.45 a.m.—Auction of Jewellery, Binoculars etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Houghts.

H.K. Cricket Club v. University (H.K. C.C. ground).

Entries close for "Wodehouse" Cup (Ladies' Foursome, Fencing).  
8.44 p.m.—Full Moon.

SUNDAY, Dec. 10.—  
9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by s.s. "Taishan".

MONDAY, Dec. 11.—  
3 p.m.—Sale of Crown Land at P.W.D.

FRIDAY, Dec. 15.—  
Entries close for Ladies' Championship, H.K. Golf Club.

FRIDAY, Dec. 15, Mon. 19 & Tues. 20.—  
A.D.C. Performance of "Kismet" in aid of "Star and Barter" Fund.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

During the fire at Arthur Street Yaumatei on Sunday a looter stole jewellery valued at \$250; six pearls worth \$20, and a sum of money. The Police have not yet effected his arrest.

Strict investigations are being made by the Civil Governor of Canton to ascertain whether the officials of the province are complying with the laws for the suppression of opium smoking.

Mr. E. J. Bolesito, the Italian Artist, has generously handed over to Lady May for the War Charities the sum of one hundred dollars, part of the proceeds from the sale of some of his pictures recently.

There were 27 cases of small-pox in the Colony last week—all Chinese, one being an imported case. Nineteen cases were fatal. There were also seven cases of enteric fever (with five deaths) and five cases of diphtheria; three fatal.

The following members of "A" Coy, H.E.V.R. will parade at Blake Pier at 3.30 p.m. to-morrow for Musketry Drill order: Sergt. G. C. Moxon, Corp'l W. Hill, Ptes. A. G. Coppin, H. E. Scriven, A. Watson, E. W. White, A. J. Brock, A. H. Hollingsworth, E. A. G. May, A. E. Crappell, H. J. Knight, J. O. Shepherd, F. A. Brown, J. Carr, N. E. Kent, T. W. Mackay.

"Is Christianity Played Out?" is the subject of an address to be delivered by Bishop Norris in the Chamber of Commerce Room, at the City Hall to-night. The meeting will commence at 6.00 p.m. and will be of short duration. Questions are invited. To-morrow evening at 9 p.m. the Bishop will address a united meeting in the Theatre. At 5.00 p.m. he will speak to women in the Helena May Institute.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

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Comptroller French Bank	..... 25
Wong F. Nung	..... 25
Chan Kai Ming	..... 25
Ho Kam Tong	..... 25
Sin Tak Fan	..... 25
Dhoy Ling	..... 25

On Sunday, December 17th the Bishop of the diocese will hold an Ordination in the Cathedral at 12.15. The service will be in Chinese. One Chinese will be admitted to Deacon's Orders and three to the Priesthood. It would be a nice token of brotherly feeling says "Church Notes" if members of the usual Cathedral congregation would attend this service and show their interest in the Chinese Church. They might perhaps be surprised to see so many Chinese fellow Christians as will probably be present at the Ordination.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Admiral Winterhalter of the U.S. Pacific Squadron has been paying a visit to Peking and while there had the honour of an audience with the President.

The death is announced of Mr. John T. Griffin, of Yokohama. Mr. Griffin, who was in his sixty-sixth year, was well known in the Far East. He went to Japan more than forty years ago and, until he retired from business a few years since, was one of the prominent silk merchants in Yokohama. He was very active in Masonry and did more than any other man in Japan to advance its interests in all branches. Mr. Griffin had been ailing for the past two years and his death was not unexpected.

## WAR CHARITIES.

The workers of "Our Little Bit" Society, Kowloon, have this week sent the following articles to Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, Cavendish Square, London, W., through the courtesy of Messrs. Shaw, James & Co.

3,204 Bandage Rolls.
425 Swabs.
123 Flannel Many-tailed Bandages.
25 Stump Bandages.
21 Eye Bandages.
15 pairs Surgical Stockings.
31 pairs Socks.
21 pairs Mittens.
85 Bed Jackets.
55 suits Pyjamas.
34 Floor Mats.

Work can be called for at Mrs. S. E. Green's residence on Tuesdays and Fridays from 12 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Thursdays as previously stated.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

## SHOP WINDOW ATTRACTIONS.

MAGISTRATE CONVICTS SUN CO. OF COMMITTING A PUBLIC NUISANCE.

Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy this morning delivered his considered judgment on the summons taken out by the Police against the Sun Co. for committing a public nuisance by allowing a crowd to collect outside its shop window. The full text of the judgment is as follows:—

In this summons the defendant, a manager of the Sun Co., is charged, for that he on the 16th Nov. at 8.45 p.m. did commit a public nuisance in Des Voeux Road Central by exhibiting a landscape with moving figures in his shop window thereby causing crowds of people to collect and to obstruct the footway and the roadway.

Evidence has been given that at the time in question Inspector Garrod, of the Hongkong Police, was on the spot from 8.40 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. He there saw a crowd causing a serious obstruction all across the road from the window one of several in the shop front—where the exhibition complained of was being shown. Inspector Garrod stated: "It was difficult for passengers to get along the roadway. You had to elbow your way through the crowd." It was impossible to get along the pavement. The crowd did not extend the full length of the frontage of the Sun Company's store. There is 10 feet width of pavement, which was entirely blocked. I attempted to force my way through the crowd on the pavement. I saw several rich-lashes held up by the crowd; but no motor cars. A tram came along going east. It had to slow up and proceed cautiously through the crowd. A number of people had to get out of its way. The crowd waited till they could get in for a view. I saw persons lifting each other up in the crowd.

This evidence I accept; and had similar evidence been given in respect of some other date, no difficulty would have been found in adopting the conclusion that the figures exhibited had caused a crowd to collect, which had seriously interfered with the passage of the public as to amount to a nuisance. The authorities, however, elected to lay their complaint in respect of the 16th November, an occasion on which it is admitted that a large additional crowd had gathered to listen to a band playing on the defendant's premises; and, in consequence, Mr. Davidson, Solicitor for the defendant, has been tempted to argue in detail, and this Court has been led to consider his very able argument, that if the crowd on this occasion did in fact amount to a nuisance, it is impossible to attribute the nuisance to any one cause (whether to the band or to the exhibition), and that therefore the defendant, who is not charged as he might have been with a nuisance arising from both causes jointly, is entitled to be discharged on the present summons.

I have considered the evidence given by Inspector Garrod set out above. In addition to this, evidence was also given on the condition of the road on an occasion on the 12th November when the figures were being displayed, but no band was playing. A sub-manager of the defendant's firm also admitted that it had been found necessary to employ four men daily to keep foot passengers on the move outside his establishment.

The conclusion to which I have come is that on the occasion in question the nuisance alleged was being caused by the defendant, who was then using his premises in Des Voeux Road Central for an exhibition of such a character that a crowd did in fact collect and did obstruct the footway, and a portion of the roadway (that portion in front of the window complained about—for a few feet outside the side-channel), by remaining on it and watching or endeavouring to obtain a view of the spectacle exhibited.

I therefore convict the defendant and impose a fine of \$100.

Mr. Edgar Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, who appeared for the defence stated that he might have occasion to apply to his Worship to state a case.

## MISSING MEAT.

Two men employed at the Dairy Farm, Pokfulam, were charged before Mr. Wood at the Magistracy this morning with stealing a quantity of pork. The second man said he wanted a little pork for his food. Inspector O'Sullivan said the men were employed as gardeners and butchers and yesterday a number of pigs were killed and some of the meat was missed. The matter was reported to Mr. O'Sullivan. The pork was found in the defendant's quarters in a bucket. Each defendant had been employed there for a number of years and had good characters. Defendants were fined \$25 or a month's imprisonment.

## A JUNK ARMOURY.

Two ball cannon, three old service rifles, bearing the H.K.V.C. mark, and four muskets were produced by Inspector Angus of Shaukiwan as evidence on a charge of unlawful possession against two junkmen. Two hundred and seventy-eight cartridges were also found on board. A woman was also found to be in possession of eight teals of prepared opium. The cases were remanded until to-morrow, bail being fixed at \$1,000 each for the men and \$800 for the woman. Mr. Kong Sing defends.

## LOTTERY TICKETS.

Detective Sergt. Murphy and a party of Chinese detectives yesterday raided 55, Lower Lascar Row, for lottery tickets, and seized 76 sam-pui tickets and a number of others. He arrested two men and Mr. Goldring, who appeared to defend, stated that the men had only just come down from Macao and had gone to the house where they had some friends. They knew nothing about the tickets. A rent collector testified that the first defendant had rented the floor for some time. After hearing the evidence for the prosecution and the story for the defence, Mr. Melbourne adjourned the case for other enquiries.

## PRISONER DIES.

SENT TO HOSPITAL FOR AN OPERATION.

Mr. J. R. Wood and a jury held an enquiry at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon into the circumstances attending the death of a Chinese prisoner at the goal who died at the Government Civil Hospital on Sunday. Deceased was serving a term of seven years' imprisonment for robbery and also had received fifteen lashes with the cat.

Dr. Koch, Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital, said when deceased was brought to the Hospital on the 1st inst. he was suffering from acute appendicitis. His condition was very grave and there was only the slightest chance of his recovery; even after an operation. Witness operated upon him and he lived until 4.40 p.m. in the afternoon. Death was due to acute septic peritonitis.

Dr. C. W. McKenny, medical officer of the Gaol, stated that deceased came under his observation on November 30th. He complained of excessive vomiting and witness suspected appendicitis though he was not quite sure. Deceased was put under observation. Next morning he said he was feeling much better and witness was then able to diagnose his condition as suffering from appendicitis. He ordered his removal to the Government Civil Hospital.

The jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

THE SITUATION AT  
CANTON.

Our Canton correspondent writes: An urgent telegram was recently addressed to the Central Government by General Luk Wing Ting, the Military Governor of Kwangtung, announcing his intention to proceed to Peking at an early date and recommending that Commander Tam, Ho Ming be appointed to take over the duties of Military Governor. Both the President and the Premier telegraphed instructions to General Luk not to vacate the post or to leave Canton.

A later message, however, states that the Central Government, at the solicitation of the Vice-President, has acceded to General Luk's request to be allowed to come to Peking for the purpose of having an audience with the President to discuss the affairs of the province. Chiu Hang Lam, the present holder of the post being transferred to Fukien Province.

Since Chiu Hang Lam tendered his resignation officials in Peking have been advocating that either Chan Kwang Ming (a former Tath of Kwangtung), Tam Hok Hang (Director of the River Conservancy Bureau) or Wong Chung Wei (ex-minister of Justice) should be appointed to the post, while the President favoured the appointment of Lau Shing Yam, the present Civil Governor of Kwangtung, who is very unpopular in Canton.

## GOD AND THE WAR.

## A BISHOP'S VIEWS ON PUNISHMENT FOR SIN.

## ENGLAND'S PURE MOTIVE.

A crowd of men which exceeded all expectations and filled the Chamber of Commerce room at the City Hall to overflowing last evening attended to hear the Rt. Rev. F. L. Norris, D.D., Bishop of North China, who is conducting a mission in Hongkong in connection with the National Mission of Repentance and Hope. The subject of his discourse was "Why doesn't God stop the War?" The Bishop of Victoria (Dr. Landery) presided, and those present included H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (Mr. Claud Gower), Sir William Rees Davies, K.C. (Chief Justice), the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, and a large representation of clergy and laity, soldiers and sailors, and civilians, including a fair sprinkling of Chinese.

The Bishop's address was preceded by the hymn "Fight the good fight" and appropriate prayers. Bishop Norris opened by stating he had received a question relative to his subject which ran as follows:—

In laying stress on the war as ordained by God (as a punishment of England) are you not overlooking the natural political and economical trend of events since Bismarck took the lead in Germany, say since 1870? Short of a divine interposition, which we had no right to expect or of prior aggression on our part, war was inevitable, either when it broke out or within a year or two afterwards. The rulers of Germany were set on it and were being driven to it as a solution of their difficulties.

The question, said the Bishop, arose out of his lecture the previous night. "I did not mean to lay stress on the war as ordained by God as the punishment of England," he answered. "That seems to me, as to my questioner, quite a wrong view, and if that was the view any of you carried away from the Theatre last night, you must have mistaken my meaning or I must not have expressed myself clearly. The war was not ordained by God. The war is permitted by God. I am quite willing to believe, though I know nothing about politics, that Germany made the war inevitable. One of the few excuses for the war that they have got seems to me to be that the Germans allowed themselves to drift until they could not help themselves, and had to go on. It does seem to me that God, having permitted the war, took the opportunity to punish the suffering that had been inflicted. Men gave the opportunity and God took it to punish. I think it is a pity that we do not likewise take the many opportunities that God gives to us. I think that man is blind who does not see that God is using the war to discipline us, and punish us."

On the question "Why doesn't God stop the War?" Bishop Norris said he supposed there were some people who thought it was inconsistent of God not to stop the war. They knew and believed that "God is Love," and that God wished men to love one another; that God was a God of peace; and we were tempted to think it rather inconsistent of God to allow war; that He was letting loose evil; that instead of love He was allowing hate to be rampant when He might stop it, and that seemed inconsistent. But was it inconsistent of God? That seemed to him to depend partly on whether God ordained or permitted the war. God did not ordain the war any more than He ordained that one man should murder another. That He permitted it was obvious. Then, was it inconsistent of Him to permit the war, and if so, why? If the war was a bad thing and God was using a bad means for a good end that would be inconsistent, because "you must not do evil that good may come" was one of God's own laws. Next he would ask—Is war a bad thing in itself? He was not at all sure that it was. It was a painful thing; there was a lot of suffering about war, but he was not at all sure it was a bad thing. When he ran a thorn into his hand it was very painful to extract it, but it was worth while inflicting that pain. He had pain, but he saw no inconsistency in

inflicting pain when it was worth while; and he saw no inconsistency in God permitting this war if He thought it worth while; war not being evil in itself, only painful. If he were asked to defend the statement that war was not necessarily evil in itself he would rather not do it than fight. He would merely remark that there was a natural law of destruction and death which was going on all round them, and war was only one form of it. It seemed to him that they had to admit the whole thing if they were going to admit that which was necessarily evil in itself. He could fancy another question being asked—if it was consistent of God to allow the war to go on when it was doing no good? That question was founded on the assumption that the war was doing no good. Was it not doing good? He fancied it was doing a great deal of good, in spite of its suffering. If the war had done nothing else for him, the story of the brave boy Cornwell standing at his post to the death in the battle of Jutland had made an impression that would last all the days of his life. And there was the sacrifice entailed in this war which was held up to us as Christ was held up on the cross. Let no man say the war was doing no good. There might be a question that now that the object of the war had been attained was it not time to end it? He said he did not agree that the object of the war had been attained. He asked "What is the object of the war?" and quoted at length from a war work by Mr. Clutton-Brock. If the object set forth in it was the object for which God had permitted the war—that we should learn to make ourselves as good and great and as near to God's ideal of excellence as we could—then he thought it was just as well that the war had not yet been stopped. They had not learned the war's lesson yet, but they were a great deal nearer it than they were two-and-a-half years ago. May God, if it be His will, give us a little longer—it would not need to be very much longer—if we were reader to learn our lesson.

Questions were invited. The first was: "You have given us a good reason why God does not end the war, can you give us the reason why God allowed it to start?" The Bishop replied that God's object was to train our treasuries. That was why, he believed, God permitted the war.

The next question was: "You stated that the war would not end till we had learned our lesson. May we ask what we can do here in Hongkong, where we are far removed from all the influences of the war?" The Bishop said while he entirely sympathised with them in Hongkong, what we here as elsewhere were required to do was to cultivate a National ideal—a Christian England.

The Bishop was next asked: "By what standard of judgment do you arrive at the conclusion that the war in itself is not an evil?" The Bishop replied that our motive, unlike that of Germany, was pure, and consequently it was not an evil for us to be at war.

The remainder of the meetings will be held at 8 o'clock of 6.30 p.m. and the Cathedral meetings at 5 o'clock of 5.30 p.m.

## "KISMET."

"Kismet" performers are reminded that the next full Rehearsal of Act III. will take place on Friday 8th inst. at 8.30 p.m. Those who are concerned in this Act (The Harim and Wedding Scene) are requested to attend punctually.

The Rehearsal originally called for Wednesday 8th inst. at 9 p.m. cannot take place as the Theatre is engaged that night.

The first Dress Rehearsal will be held on Saturday 9th inst.—certain 8.30 p.m. sharp—by which time everyone must be in costume.

DEATH OF THE EMPEROR OF  
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

## CHINA SHOWS PUBLIC COURTESY.

The following order was issued by the Kuo Wu Yuan in connection with the death of the Emperor of Austria-Hungary:—

"We have been instructed by the President, that owing to the death of His Majesty the Emperor of Austria-Hungary on the 21st inst. and as a token of sympathy and condolence to a friendly nation, all Government offices in and outside of Peking shall observe three days of half-mourning from the 27th inst. and also on the 30th when the interment is to take place."



## THE WAR.

## LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BUKHAREST  
EVACUATED.HAD LONG CEASED TO BE A  
FORTRESS.

LONDON, Dec. 4. An authoritative Rumanian statement says that Bukharest was deprived of the character of a fortress before the war, and when there was a danger of occupation by the enemy, steps were taken for the military evacuation of the city, but civilians were enjoined to remain.

RUMANIAN FIRST ARMY  
DEFEATED.

LATER. A Berlin official communiqué announces that the Austro-German-Turke-Bulgar armies in Rumania have completed their junctions, captured Tirgovista, and completely defeated the Rumanian First Army.

CHURCH BELLS RINGING IN  
GERMANY.

A Berlin official announcement says the battle of Argesul, north-west of Bukharest, was won by the IXth Army. The Kaiser ordered the church bells to be rung to-day in Prussia and Alsace-Lorraine.

## PROGRESS OF THE STRUGGLE.

A Russian communiqué states that the Rumanians are retiring from Pitesti to the Tongovistia region.

There is obstinate fighting between Alexandria and Bukharest. The enemy who were forced to retire received reinforcements and occupied the village of Gradichtea south of Bukharest.

The Rumanian troops who were attempting to attack the enemy rear were themselves compelled to retire.

## THE MACEDONIAN FRONT.

ENEMY RETIRE IN DISORDER  
BEFORE SERBIANS.

PARIS, Dec. 4. A French communiqué says the Serbians carried heights east of Grunista and the enemy retreated in disorder towards Starasira.

LATER. A Serbian official report records that in the course of the success mentioned in the French communiqué they took five field-guns and large booty. The prisoners had not been counted. The Serbians have captured a total of 79 guns.

## THE ITALIAN FRONT.

## ENEMY ATTACK REPULSED.

LONDON, Dec. 4. An Italian official report states: We repulsed an attempted attack on the village of Sano.

There is intense artillery firing in Asiago and Sugano. Italian air squadrons dropped a ton and a half of high explosive on the railway stations of Dettogliano and Skopo.

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

FAILURE OF ENEMY SURPRISE  
ATTACKS.

LONDON, Dec. 4. A French official report states that enemy surprise attack at Barloux and south-east of Metzeral in Alsace failed.

LATER. An official communiqué states that there has been marked reciprocal artillery firing north of the Somme and at Vaux and Douaumont.

## THE BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 4. Sir Douglas Haig reports hostile shelling at Guedecourt and Ponquevillers. We heavily bombarded the neighbourhood of Monchy.

LATER. General Sir Douglas Haig reports the usual artillery and trench mortar activity.

## THE NEW VOTE OF CREDIT.

LONDON, Dec. 4. The new Vote of Credit will be for £400,000,000, making the year's total £1,750,000,000.

BRITISH CABINET TO BE  
RECONSTRUCTED.INVOLVES NO CHANGE IN WAR  
POLICY.

LONDON, Dec. 4. Mr. Asquith had another audience of the King to-day.

LATER.

Mr. Asquith replying in the House of Commons to a question regarding a Food Controller stated: "The King, upon advice, I gave His Majesty to-day, approved of a reconstruction of the Government. All questions as to personnel had better be deferred till that process has been completed, if it is."

Mr. Asquith, dealing with a subsequent question, declared that whatever reconstruction there might be in the Government it would not involve departure in any shape or form from the policy pursued since the war began. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. Dalziel mentioned that the resignations of all Ministers were in Mr. Asquith's hands.

Mr. Asquith did not dispute this. On the motion of Mr. Asquith, the House of Commons was adjourned till the 7th inst.

The following views were expressed before Mr. Asquith's announcement in Parliament:—

The Daily News states that there will be merely a shifting of offices accompanied by a revision of the functions of the War Council with an enlargement of the powers of Mr. Lloyd George (as Secretary of State for War).

The Daily Chronicle says the War Council will comprise Mr. Asquith, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Bonar Law and Sir Edward Carson, while the Labour element in the Cabinet will probably be strengthened, as Mr. Hughes, the Australian Premier, urged when in London. It is understood that Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George have identical views regarding the nature of the changes, and the calamity to the contrary will not weaken Mr. Asquith's resolve to remain at his post.

The Daily News says that before the Rumanian campaign began Mr. Lloyd George drafted a Memorandum urging steps to be taken on behalf of Rumania, which were not taken. It is probable that the inclusion of Sir Edward Carson in the Cabinet will lead to a rapprochement on the Irish Question.

The Morning Post states that the Unionist Ministers yesterday withdrew their resignations when, they received Mr. Asquith's reply.

LATER.

The Liberal Party has passed a resolution expressing their unabated confidence in Mr. Asquith. The members of the War Committee were not present.

WAR LOAN IN JAPAN FOR GREAT  
BRITAIN.OVER-SUBSCRIBED THE  
FIRST DAY.

TOKYO, Dec. 4. Japan's first War Loan of £10,000,000 for Great Britain is very popular. The entire issue was probably over-subscribed on the first day.

## REVOLT AT ANTWERP.

## OVER 200 INHABITANTS KILLED.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 4. It is reported that over 200 inhabitants and many German soldiers were killed at Antwerp on the 30th ult. in a revolt owing to a call upon the inhabitants to work in Germany.

## SUBMARINE PIRACY.

LONDON, Dec. 4. The steamers Brindens and Sirpaha (British), Nagata-maru (Japanese), three English trawlers and a Belgian fishing cutter have been sunk.

## THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. The Carranzistas have reoccupied Chihuahua, but Villa escaped with booty.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE FIGHTING IN ATHENS.

## MANY CASUALTIES.

LONDON, Dec. 4. The Times correspondent at Athens states that altogether 3,000 Allies landed, and were marching to the town from three directions, when, at daylight on Friday, they found the points assigned for them occupied by Greek troops, who attacked the Allies. The latter retired. Fighting began at 10.30 in the morning and ended at two in the afternoon, as the result of an armistice. The Allies withdrew during the night, escorted by Greek cavalry, in order to avoid further incidents.

Besides twenty-seven killed the Allies had other casualties. The Italians, numbering 180, lost considerably, and 100 French were taken prisoners. The disorders were renewed on Saturday, and continued nearly the whole day from balconies and hotels. The newspapers state that the sailors were fired on. Everywhere in the town there were continual volleys. Arrests of Venizelists continued the day long.

GREEK AND FRENCH  
CASUALTIES.

ATHENS, Dec. 4. The Commander of the First Greek Army Corps announces that the casualties in the recent disturbance were: Greeks, 29 killed and 54 wounded; French marines, 47 killed and 97 wounded.

GREEK GOVERNMENT MUST  
MAKE AMENDS.

PARIS, Dec. 4. The Allied Governments are taking concerted measures to obtain reparation for the Greek attack on the 1st inst.

The Greek Government has offered Admiral Fournier, acting on instructions, Allied Ministers, acting on instructions, replied that the matter was now too serious, and the Greek Government must make amends corresponding to the gravity of the outrage.

## THE STRUGGLE IN RUMANIA.

GERMANS APPROACHING  
BUKHAREST.

LONDON, Dec. 3. A Berlin official message records an advance from Kampolung to Pitesti, the crossing of the Argesul river, and capture of 2,860 prisoners and 18 guns.

## BRITISH RAID AT YPRES.

## MANY CASUALTIES.

LONDON, Dec. 4. General Sir Douglas Haig reports: Our Ypres raid last night caused many casualties. Hostile artillery has been active at Les Boeufs. There has been reciprocal trench-mortar work at Neuville St. Vaast, Hohenzollern, Ypres and Armentieres.

CONSIDERABLE ARTILLERY  
ACTIVITY ON FRENCH  
FRONT.

PARIS, Dec. 4. An official communiqué states: There has been considerable artillery activity south of the Somme, in the region of Belloy-en-Santerre, and on the right of the Meuse, in the Vaux and Douaumont sectors. There has been a mining duel in Argonne.

## GERMAN TYRANNY IN BELGIUM.

DECLARATION BY ALLIED  
GOVERNMENTS.

LONDON, Dec. 4. The British, French, Russian and Italian Governments have issued a declaration stating that by deliberately creating unemployment in Belgium as an excuse for the deportations, and other similar measures, taken contrary to pledges, in order to relieve their own desperate situation, the Germans are tearing up every guarantee on which the work of the Neutral Relief Commission was based. The Governments, therefore, appeal to the civilised world on behalf of helpless civilians to see that this great work of international benevolence is not destroyed by such treachery and violence.

## THE BRITISH POLITICAL CRISIS.

GOVERNMENT TO BE  
RECONSTRUCTED.

LONDON, Dec. 4. It is officially announced that Mr. Asquith, with a view to the most effective prosecution of the war, has decided to advise the King to consent to a reconstruction of the Government.

## AUSTRALIA'S DETERMINATION.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 3. During the no-confidence debate, Mr. Hughes said the Government intended to concentrate on the continuance of Australia's war efforts, both in men and material, despite the referendum result. A permanent recruiting organisation under a Director would be established, supplementing voluntary efforts.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Cook promised that the Opposition would cordially support the Government in prosecuting and financing the war to the end.

## HOSPITALS IN INDIA.

## OFFICERS' SATISFACTION.

LONDON, Dec. 4. Following upon his statement in the House of Commons on the 27th ult. regarding hospital administration, Mr. Chamberlain has received spontaneous letters from two officers, unknown to him personally, and who were lately patients at Colaba, testifying that there was no cause for complaint. On the contrary, the staff did their utmost for the comfort of the patients.

WHAT THE WAR IS  
COSTING IN MEN.

Eighteen and a half million casualties, of which deaths make up nearly one-quarter, is the toll already levied on the fighting men of all the belligerent nations by twenty-six months of war. This gives a monthly average of more than 711,000 casualties—killed, wounded, prisoners, and missing—or more than 165,000 a week. These appalling figures are published by Mr. Frank R. Simonds, perhaps the best known authority in the United States on the various phases of the European War, and are the result of his examination and analysis of all available statistics from both belligerent and neutral sources. If the war remains a "contest of attrition," concludes Mr. Simonds, it will continue to devour human life at this rate for another two years, but victory at the last must be with the Entente Allies because their total available man-power is two and a half times as great as that of the Central Powers. Point is given to these figures and this prediction by the fact that while on the Western front the Allies' push forward on the Somme and the French under General Nivelle recover with sweep the fortress at Verdun, on the Eastern front the Bulgars, Germans, and Turks, under General Mackensen capture Constantza, Rumania's Black Sea port, take the vitally important bridge head at Cernavoda, and drive forward victoriously through the Dobruja. The strength of the double offensive against Rumania—Falkenhayn driving from Transylvania and Mackensen from Bulgaria—refutes the claim of the Allies that Germany has already exhausted her reserves of man-power, remarks the New York Tribune, which foresees "a new period of depression among the Allied nations," but goes on to say:

"If their alliance can endure this now reverse and this very illuminating demonstration that the way to ultimate victory must be long and costly, the German success at Constantza, the disaster to Rumania, will have no real consequences. But Germany will use her utmost effort to make this last success the basis for a settlement which shall not be unfavourable to her or too costly to her foes. She has her excuse for proposing 'victorious peace' again. She will use it."

Returning to Mr. Simonds' estimates of the war's cost in human life—which also appear in his *Crusade*—we find him allocating 10,000,000 of the total casualties to France, Russia, Great Britain, and Italy, 8,000,000 to Germany and Austria, and dividing the remaining 800,000 among the smaller nations—Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro, Rumania, on one side, and Bulgaria and Turkey on the other. Here is his table of casualties for the six great Powers involved:

ENTENTE POWERS	
France	2,500,000
Russia	5,750,000
Great Britain	1,400,000
Italy	350,000
10,000,000	
CENTRAL POWERS	
Germany	4,000,000
Austria	4,000,000
8,000,000	

Further examining this grand total of casualties, Mr. Simonds finds that the percentage of deaths is about twenty-four. That is to say, the number of men killed in the war is about 4,500,000. In a word, the war that broke out over Serbia has already killed a number of men equal to the whole population of the little Balkan State. Discussing the meaning of the figures he has compiled, Mr. Simonds says:

"At the moment when the war broke out the four great Powers united against Germany and Austria had a European population of around 300,000,000. The combined population of Austria and Germany was 120,000,000. Now there is no question more keenly debated than that of the proportion of a total national population which can be reckoned as capable of bearing arms. It may be 10 per cent. it may be 12, but it will be the same for all nations, approximately. We may say, then, that at the outset of the war, the Central Powers had available a man-power of 30,000,000, the Central Powers, a man-power of 12,000,000. If the Allies have now suffered casualties amounting to 10,000,000, one-third of their whole force has been temporarily or permanently incapacitated. But the Central Powers have suffered casualties amounting to 5,000,000, two-thirds of their man-power has been temporarily or permanently incapacitated."

Now, in the case of the German official figures we saw that the total of permanent casualties (killed, prisoners, and badly wounded), with relation to total casualties, was 60 per cent. Accepting this ratio we may say that the permanent loss of the Allies has been 6,000,000 and of the Central Powers 4,000,000. In other words, the Allies have permanently lost one-sixth of their man-power, the Central Powers, one-third. And this ratio will remain constant, whether the various nations are able to put 10 per cent. or 12 per cent. of their population into the field.

"Here is the foundation of all that has been said about attrition since the war began. In a war of exhaustion the weaker forces must ultimately lose if the war continues steadily a trial of endurance. In the end, the Germans will lose at least the rate of a third of their man-power in the time in which the Allies are losing one-sixth, the Germans and their allies must succumb. And in the first twenty-six months of the world war this has been approximately the ratio of losses in the two camps."

Pointing out that it "requires not much less than 5,000,000 men to hold the present lines of the Central Powers," eliminating the Bulgars and the Turks, Mr. Simonds goes on to say: "We do know that the population of the Allied nations is two and a half times that of the Central Powers. We do know that their losses have been, if actually greater than the German and

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Austrian, relatively much smaller, regard being had for their total man-power, and this means that they are certain to have reserves to call upon when the reserves of the Central Powers have been exhausted.

"Now, if the Central Powers have lost only 4,000,000 out of 12,000,000—that is, permanently lost them—in the first twenty-six months of the war, they may be able to go on for something less than two years more, losing at the same rate, before they will be unable to put 5,000,000 in the field. They will go longer if their losses are not as great, but they will go a shorter time if, as seems to be the case now, their losses increase with greater pressure on all sides."

"Only one thing is certain; we can't say when exhaustion will come, because we can only guess at the figures of casualties. But we can say that it will come, that it will come to the weaker party, which is the Central Alliance, first, and that it will come while the opposing alliance has still abundant supply of men to keep its armies at the maximum of necessary strength. Conceivably the Germans may win the war, possibly the Allies may win the war. But if it goes on as it is now going, if it turns on battle losses, if it remains a contest of attrition the ultimate outcome is patent."

That the Allies share this belief in their ultimate but not immediate victory is evidenced by the following statement made on 24th October by General Sir Henry Rawlinson, General Haig's right hand man in the Somme offensive:

"Our army has not yet reached the zenith of its power, nor will it have done so until next spring, or possibly next summer. I think we have reached the top of the hill, but there is an undulating table-land to cross before we really get on to the down-grade portion beyond. This may be steep, it may be quite a gentle slope. But it will be down-hill work, and comparatively easy."

To supplement this we have Mr. S. B. McClelland's testimony that when he was in France a few weeks ago some of the French troops were being cannibalized and sent home. And a Stockholm dispatch to the New York Times quotes a distinguished neutral resident in Berlin as saying: "It may be taken as quite definite that the German authorities realize that the war is lost."

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## LATEST EDITION.

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NEWS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE ENEMY'S PROGRESS  
IN RUMANIA.A FURTHER 8,000 PRISONERS AND  
"ENORMOUS BOOTY."

LONDON, Dec. 4.

A Berlin official announcement (supplementing one given in our earlier edition) says:

The remainder of the Rumanian First Army were driven across the Tihu junction into the arms of the German Infantry Division.

The enemy was defeated north-west and south of Bukharest and an additional 8,000 prisoners were taken, as well as enormous booty, including 85 guns.

The Russians somewhat progressed in the Trotian Valley.

The communiqué declares that the Serbian capture of Cerpa does not influence the Rumanian operations.

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## SHANGHAI RACING.

The following were the results of the Race Meeting at Kiangwan on November 25th under the auspices of the International Recreation Club.

The times were all good, several being very close to record. The results in detail follow:

1.—THE UNITED FLAMES PLATE—3 furlongs.  
Mr. Paul's gr. Coronet Dublin 152-1.  
Mr. Robinson's grey Niblick, Mr. J. Hayes 160-1.  
Messrs Toeg and Speelman's br. Swanee, Mr. Heard 158-3.

Also ran—The Lapwing (Mr. W. Hill), Recommendation (Mr. J. J. Ezra), Faked Wheel (Mr. T. U. Yih), Moan (Mr. E. R. Vida), The Spec, late Memory (Mr. S. Nagai), Milkway (Mr. T. U. Yih), Loofield (Mr. J. Liou), Daisy Chief (Mr. I. Ezra), Homefield (Mr. Stewart), Pete (Mr. C. U. Boyd), Auld Beekie (Mr. E. B. McBain), Round head; three lengths. Time, 1:13.

2.—THE CORINTHIAN RACE—1 1/4 miles.  
Mr. John J. Johnston's ches. Sandy, lbs. 135-1.  
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Mr. Percham's grey Moor-archism, Mr. Burdick 153-2.  
Mr. Meguro's black Kuroshio, Mr. Nagai 143-3.

Also ran—Peter Pienan (Mr. Knoll), Wynn Chief (Mr. J. J. Ezra), Railway (Mr. Liou), Pingwa Chief (Mr. J. J. Ezra), Half a length; three. Time, 2:39 3/5.

3.—THE GREEN PAK PLATE—1 1/4 miles.  
Messrs Toeg and Speelman's black Zinder Zee, Mr. John 153-1.  
Mr. Paul's grey Giant Dahlia, Mr. Burdick 151-2.  
Mr. Paul's grey Historic, Mr. Heard 153-3.

Also ran—The Buzzard (Mr. Hill), Mameluke (Mr. J. J. Ezra), Railway (Mr. Liou), The Raider (Mr. T. L. Hu), Charlemagne (Mr. I. Ezra), Three-quarters; many. Time, 2:39.

4.—THE FRENCH FLYER HANDICAP STEEP-CHASE—3 miles.  
Mr. Ezra's grey The Tipster, Mr. lbs. 153-1.  
Mr. S. B. Xell's bay Ye, Illusionist, Mr. Boyd 146-2.  
Mr. Ezra's grey Nomadic, Mr. J. I. Ezra 156-3.

5.—THE KIANGWAN CHALLENGE PLATE—1 1/4 miles.  
Mr. Henry Morris' ches. Castlefield, Mr. Stewart 153-1.  
Mr. Day's grey Northland, Mr. Burdick 153-2.  
Messrs Sky and Hickling's grey Mush, Mr. Hayes 158-3.

Also ran—Nirvana (Mr. Heard), Triumph (Mr. Liou), Candlelight (Mr. Moller), The Capercalzie (Mr. Hill), Black Diamond (Mr. Johnston), Magnetism (Mr. J. I. Ezra).

Two lengths; half. Time, 2:36.  
6.—THE GREAT TON PLATE—1 1/4 miles.  
Mr. Onden's skew Teihyo, lbs. 151-1.  
Mr. Henry Morris' ches. Castlefield, Mr. Stewart 153-2.  
Messrs 1st and Speelman's dan Sir Lamerock, Mr. Heard 155-3.

Also ran—Lille (Mr. Hill), Three lengths; three-quarters. Time, 3:16.

7.—THE MANOR PLATE—7 furlongs.  
Mr. Henry Morris' ches. Castlefield, Mr. Stewart 151-1.  
Messrs Toeg and Speelman's brown Swanee, Mr. Heard 158-2.  
Mr. R. Macgregor's ches. The Spec, late Memory, Mr. Knoll 145-3.

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## GEN. ROBERTSON ON WAR SITUATION.

THE NEED OF PROMPT ACTION.

An Anglo-Chinese Agency cable dated the 27th November says:—

The statement made by Sir William Robertson, who has replaced Lord Kitchener in the public estimation, at Bradford College yesterday, is widely commented upon. Sir William Robertson, in the course of his remarks, said: "You wonder what I think about the war is going. What I think about the war is this: we have every reason to be satisfied with what we have done up to date, seeing the start we had, and we must look forward with complete confidence to the future, subject to the condition that we do the right thing and that we do it in time." The latter reference means the need for raising as many men as possible, for the operations in the spring, which all public men are now insisting on for, although we have a vast number of men under arms, we need all the reserves obtainable.

The economic situation in Great Britain is normal. Prices have probably reached their maximum, the only difficulty being a shortage of labour, which will probably necessitate the use by the Government of the utmost available of the 200,000 men in Ireland.

GRANDMOTHER'S APPEAL.

5 SONS IN ARMY AND WANTS TO KEEP GRANDSON.

In appealing for an extension of the exemption granted to her grandson of 19, an old lady at Tridingham stated that five of her six sons had been out to the front, and the sixth, a married man with a volunteer long service medal, was ready if required.

One son was killed in the Boer War, and another had lost his life as a typhoid fever. Another lost an eye in the retreat from Mons, and was now serving in Egypt, another served in Gallipoli and was now in Flanders; and still another had been invalided from France, and was now a drill instructor in England.

While dismissing the appeal, the tribunal asked the military authorities not to call the grandson up until December 1.

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SHEWAN, TOMES & COMPANY, Agents, "Olen" Line (McGregor Gow & Co.) Ltd. Hongkong, Dec. 5, 1916.

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STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

Mail. The Toyo Kisen Kaisha Co's s.s. *Silera* will leave Yokohama for this port on the 23rd Nov. with the U.S.A. Mail, and is due here on 4th Dec.

The P. & O. Outward Mail steamer *Kashgar* with the London Mail of the 16th ultimo, arrived at Port Said on Saturday, the 2nd Dec.

Other Vessels.

The P. M. S. Co's s.s. *Venezuela* leaves Manila on Dec. 3rd for Hongkong, and may be expected to arrive here on December 5th, and will leave for San Francisco on December 9th, at noon.

The E. & A. s.s. *Eastern* from Sydney and Queensland, arrived at Hongkong on the 2nd Dec. and may be expected to arrive here on 5th December, at noon.

The Ben Line's s.s. *Benbow* from Middlesbrough and London, left Singapore for this port on the 1st December, and may be expected to arrive here on or about 7th December.

The Pacific Mail Co's s.s. *Esmeralda* left Honolulu on Nov. 28th for Hongkong via Yokohama, and may be expected to arrive here on December 22nd, and will leave for San Francisco on December 26th at noon.

Latest Arrivals.

The P. & O. S. S. Co's s.s. *Novara* left Singapore for this port on the 4th December at 12.30 p.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on the 10th Dec. p.m.

The s.s. *Japon* left Calcutta on the 3rd December, and may be expected here on or about the 21st December.

PASSENGERS EXPECTED.

Per P. & O. s.s. *Malwa*. From London, Sept. 22, Rev. and Mrs. Sills and child, Rev. J. M. Orndock, Mr. Anton.

Per P. & O. s.s. *Kaiser-i-Hind*. From London, Oct. 13, Mr. W. J. Crawford, Mr. Griffith.

Per N. Y. K. s.s. *Swire*. From London, Oct. 21, Mrs. F. O. Greig, Mrs. L. M. Murray and child, Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Preston, Miss N. Wheeler, Miss Macintosh, Miss Gilchrist, Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie, Miss Ritchie, Miss A. H. Megitt, Dr. and Mrs. Evan Jones, Mrs. Gordon and a child, Mr. and Mrs. Little, Mr. L. L. Pereira, Mr. and Mrs. Aquino and child, Miss Woodhouse.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1887-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

December 5th to 12th, 1916.

HIGH WATER				LOW WATER			
Day	Time	Height	Day	Time	Height	Day	Time
5	9.15	12.5	6	9.15	12.5	5	9.15
6	9.15	12.5	7	9.15	12.5	6	9.15
7	9.15	12.5	8	9.15	12.5	7	9.15
8	9.15	12.5	9	9.15	12.5	8	9.15
9	9.15	12.5	10	9.15	12.5	9	9.15
10	9.15	12.5	11	9.15	12.5	10	9.15
11	9.15	12.5	12	9.15	12.5	11	9.15
12	9.15	12.5	13	9.15	12.5	12	9.15
13	9.15	12.5	14	9.15	12.5	13	9.15
14	9.15	12.5	15	9.15	12.5	14	9.15
15	9.15	12.5	16	9.15	12.5	15	9.15
16	9.15	12.5	17	9.15	12.5	16	9.15
17	9.15	12.5	18	9.15	12.5	17	9.15
18	9.15	12.5	19	9.15	12.5	18	9.15
19	9.15	12.5	20	9.15	12.5	19	9.15
20	9.15	12.5	21	9.15	12.5	20	9.15
21	9.15	12.5	22	9.15	12.5	21	9.15
22	9.15	12.5	23	9.15	12.5	22	9.15
23	9.15	12.5	24	9.15	12.5	23	9.15
24	9.15	12.5	25	9.15	12.5	24	9.15
25	9.15	12.5	26	9.15	12.5	25	9.15
26	9.15	12.5	27	9.15	12.5	26	9.15
27	9.15	12.5	28	9.15	12.5	27	9.15
28	9.15	12.5	29	9.15	12.5	28	9.15
29	9.15	12.5	30	9.15	12.5	29	9.15
30	9.15	12.5	31	9.15	12.5	30	9.15

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

IN RADIO-TELEGRAPH COMMUNICATION.

Ships in communication with Cape D'Aguilar Radio Telegraph Station—*Venezuela* *Polynesian*

INWARD MAILS.

MANILA—Per s.s. *Venezuela*, Dec. 5.

EUROPE (via NEAPOLIS)—Per s.s. *Athos*, Dec. 5.

AUSTRALIA—Per s.s. *Eastern*, Dec. 6.

EUROPE (ENGLISH MAIL)—Per s.s. *Novara*, Dec. 10.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Spain, Liberia, Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

Mails will close for—

JAPAN via MOI.

Per *Borneo* from 3 a.m., on Wednesday, the 6th Dec.

HONGKONG.

Per *Portugal*, at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, the 6th Dec.

SWATOW.

Per *Chusan*, at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, the 6th Dec.

SANDAKAN.

Per *Maung*, at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, the 6th Dec.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN via KOBE, SAN FRANCISCO.

\*PANAMA, \*COLON & \*NEW YORK.

Per *Trinidad* from 11 a.m., on Wednesday, the 6th Dec.

CHINWANGTAO.

 Per *Kaitum*, at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, the 6th Dec. || AMOI, \*SHANGHAI & \*NORTH CHINA. | Per *Kaitum*, at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, the 6th Dec. |
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.	Per *Motionless*, at 3 p.m., on Wednesday, the 6th Dec.
JAPAN via KOBE.	Per *Hoyan* from 3 p.m., on Wednesday, the 6th Dec.
SWATOW, AMOI & FORMOSA via TAKAO.	Per *Sulu* from 7 a.m., on Thursday, the 7th Dec.
AMOI, \*SHANGHAI & \*NORTH CHINA.	Per *Typhoon*, at 10 a.m., on Thursday, the 7th Dec.
HONGKONG & HAIPHONG.	Per *Shanghai*, at 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 7th Dec.
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, SANDAKAN, BATAVIA, SAMARANG, SOERABAYA & MACASSAR.	Per *Yerina* from 11 a.m., on Thursday, the 7th Dec.
SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA. (Europe via Siberia).	Per *Sinkiang*, Registration at 1.15 p.m. Letters at 3 p.m., on Thursday, the 7th Dec.
(Shanghai Ch. P.O., Monday, 11th Dec.)	
SWATOW, AMOI & FORMOSA.	Per *Hai Hong*, at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 8th Dec.
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN via NAGASAKI, VICTORIA & TACOMA.	Per *Manila* from 11 a.m., on Friday, the 8th Dec.
STRAITS, CEYLON, DELAGOA BAY, CAPE TOWN & UNITED KINGDOM.	Per *Katori* from 11 a.m., on Saturday, the 9th Dec.
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN via KOBE, HONOLULU & SAN FRANCISCO.	Per *Venezuela*, Registration at 10.15 a.m. Letters at 11 a.m., on Saturday, the 9th Dec.
SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.	Per *Summit*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 9th Dec.
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN via MOI.	Per *Novara*, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 10th Dec.
SWATOW.	Per *Haitan*, at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, the 12th Dec.
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA & NEW GUINEA via THURSDAY ISLAND.	Per *Tung* from 3 p.m., on Tuesday, the 13th Dec.
HONGKONG & HAIPHONG.	Per *Kaitum*, at 9 a.m., on Thursday, the 14th Dec.
STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEEN, EGYPT & EUROPE.	Per *Nankin*, Registration at 10.15 a.m. Letters at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 15th Dec.
The Parcel Mail will be closed on Thursday, the 14th Dec., at 5 p.m.	
\*Supersaturated correspondence only.	

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SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

December 4.

*Eurybates*, British steamer, 3,807, F. H. Towill, Liverpool, Oct. 1, and Singapore Nov. 24, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

*Xuanyue*, British steamer, 1,223, W. T. Barkus, Swatow Dec. 3.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

*Fukuro*, Japanese str., 3,178, T. Okazaki, Kanatsu Nov. 23, Coal—M. B. K. G. K.

*Tsuru*, Japanese steamer, 1,754, Nakao, Mike Nov. 23, Coal—M. B. K. G. K.

*Kaga*, Japanese str., from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

December 5.

*Polynesian*, for Haiphong and Marseilles, Chingchow, for Port Passover.

*Sungking*, for Haiphong and Haiphong, Yungking, for Swatow and Shanghai.

*Kuanyang*, for Canton.

*Hakioi*, for Balikpapan.

*Kwongler*, for Shanghai.

*Shanghai*, for Daire.

*Gyefaloch*, for Singapore.

*Yungking*, for Singapore.

*Yungking*, for Shanghai and Kobe.

*Kuanyang*, for Haiphong.

*Nankin*, for Singapore and Cape Town.

*Hakioi*, for Swatow and Fochow.

*Tsun*, for Manila.

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*Taga* from Haiphong, *Shanghai*, for Saigon, *Chusan*, for Swatow and Bangkok.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Shan* from Wuhan reports a strong monsoon, rough sea, entire voyage.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, December 5, 1916.

On London—

Bank Wire—2/3 1/2

On Demand—2/3 1/2

30 days sight—2/3 1/2

4 months sight—2/3 1/2

Credit, 4 months sight—2/3 1/2

Documentary, 4 months sight—2/3 1/2

On Demand—32 1/2

Credit, 4 months sight—32 1/2

On New York—

Credit, 60 days sight—56 1/2

On Bombay—

On Demand—17 1/2

On Calcutta—

On Demand—17 1/2

On Singapore—

On Demand—88 1/2

On Manila—

On Demand—110

On Shanghai—

On Demand—nom.

On Yankin—

On Demand—107 1/2

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)—82.70

Sovereigns (Bank's Buying Rate) \$4.55

Silver (per oz.)—35 1/2

Bar Silver in Hongkong—18 1/2 p.m.

Chinese Copper Cash—1 1/2 p.m.

Chinese Copper Cents—1 1/2 p.m.

Rate of Native Interest—6 1/2 p.m.

Chinese Sub. Coin—3 1/2 dia.

Hongkong Sub. Coin—par.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 5th at 12.30.—No returns from Japanese stations. Pressure has increased moderately over N.E. China, the Manchurian depression having moved farther eastward. At all other stations pressure has decreased slightly. It is lowest over Borneo.

Moderate monsoon is indicated along the east coast of China, and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 5th December—

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: N. winds, moderate to fine.

2.—Formosa Channel: N. winds strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: The same as No. 1.